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## SGA ELECTIONS

### Student Voice



**President:** Jason Peebles

**VPL:** Liz Harbaugh

**VPJ:** Davia McDonald

### Mastercard



**President:** Mary Nochimson

**VPL:** Arman Sarkisian

**VPJ:** Amanda Meier

### Voting Information:

**Tuesday, April 5:** Parker Building, 12-2 p.m.; 5-6 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 6:** Goodwin Residence Hall, 12-2 p.m.; 5-6 p.m.

**Thursday, April 8:** Parker Building, 12-2 p.m.; 5-6 p.m.

Photos by  
Dave Morse

By Alaina Siminovsky  
A&E Editor

**The Student Voice:** *"Making an impact by listening to one student's voice at a time."*

The Student Voice party was formed when a group of students came together with the mission of gaining insight into the concerns of NSU students and then using that insight to impact the lives of students on the NSU campus. Student Voice will work to represent the interests of all students on campus, as well as improving campus life, school spirit and diversity.

#### Objectives:

- Ø To support students by learning their concerns and then working to alleviate them.
- Ø To encourage all clubs and organizations to throw successful, well-attended events.
- Ø To enhance school spirit by encouraging attendance at athletic events.
- Ø To fairly distribute the assets of the Student Government Association throughout the campus.
- Ø To improve Homecoming by making it more affordable for the students and thus improving attendance.
- Ø To celebrate the diversity of the NSU campus.
- Ø To organize the Student Government to ensure that it is running according to the constitution and is reporting directly to the students.
- Ø To encourage unity between the Greek and non-Greek student populous of the campus.
- Ø To find innovative ways of entertaining students, as well as improving traditional events.
- Ø Establish monthly events held by the SGA for the entire student population.

**MasterCard:** *A Clean Swipe*

Many undergraduate students have wondered what exactly this "MasterCard" is. They have seen the symbols and they have seen the signs, but what does it all mean? Here is your answer: Mary Nochimson is running for president of the Student Government Association along with Arman Sarkisian as Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Amanda Meier as Vice President of Judicial Affairs. Together, they make up this political party, "MasterCard", that is currently running for student government for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Their platform is to "Bring SGA back to the students". Over the past few years, SGA (Student Government Association) has migrated away from the student population. For this reason, SGA is hardly recognized for the changes they made on NSU's campus. In fact, many people describe SGA as being "a bank" or "just another organization" when this organization should be much, much more. With this in mind, MasterCard plans on taking the ideas from all students and collaborating them for the purpose of creating a "more dynamic and diverse campus".

In order to complete this platform, MasterCard will implement the use of ideas ranging from scholarships for international students, multicultural awareness days, continuous support

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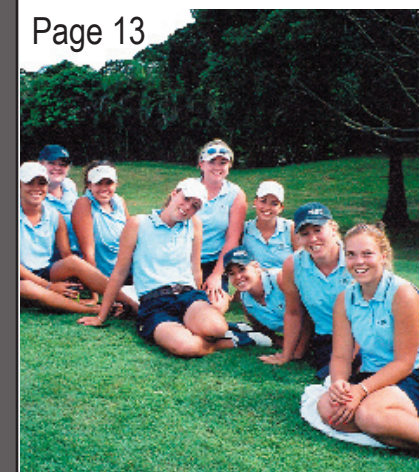
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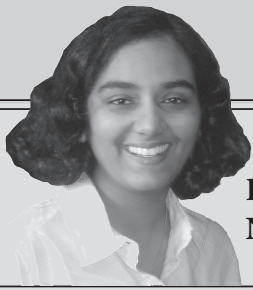
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**Rafia Chodhry**  
News Editor

## Crazy Cash

What is better than free money? Free food and free money?! With tuition increasing annually, many students are desperately in need of cash. Recently released reports from College Board state that depending on the college, students and their families will be paying anywhere from \$167 to \$1,132 more than the previous year.

Even though the cost of tuition can be quite daunting, for instance \$30,000 at NSU for tuition and fees, college can still be affordable. With the various opportunities out there—grants, scholarship, financial aid—one can nearly attend college for free.

Try these tips to help pay for school:

\* Those in need of cash can start by surfing through NSU scholarship website. It not only lists a plethora of scholarships offered by NSU, but also offers links to other scholarship websites.

\*The search doesn't stop there. The reference section of the Alvin Sherman Library consists of several books devoted to scholarships. Many of the scholarships listed are largely unknown, which means there are more chances for you to actually get the scholarship.

\*Get organized! Keep a notebook with grants and scholarships that apply to you. Even if the deadline has passed, keep a copy so you can apply the following year. Also, mark your calendar with the due dates. This way you will never forget to do one and always be on top of things.

\* With many scholarships you have to write an essay of some sort. Therefore, before submitting it, you'll want to make sure that it's grammatically correct. The best way to accomplish that is to have a friend proofread it.

\* Before submitting your scholarship, make sure to make a copy of it. That way, if it gets lost in the mail or doesn't reach its destination, you'll always have a copy. It is also wise to call in a few days past deadline to make sure that your scholarship was received.

\* Be persistent. If you don't hear from any of the scholarships you apply to, don't give up. Chances are you are going to get one sooner or later.

# HPD Happenings

**By Karen Warmuth**

*Coordinator for Admissions/Student Affairs*

The Health Professions Division Student Government Association will be sponsoring the Annual Bob Gilman Talent Show on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Steele Auditorium. The competition is open to all HPD Students in the categories of performance and artwork. Cash prizes for performance are \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100, while the prizes for artwork are \$300, \$200, and \$100. As part of the celebration, the HPDSGA is providing refreshments and door prizes. Admission is free. Applications to participate in the Talent Show can be found in the HPD Student Lounge, and in the Office of Admissions/Student Affairs on the first floor

of the Terry Building. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 6.

Plans are progressing for the Medical Village of NSU, which will include a 150-bed state of the art hospital. The Medical Village will be the first and only hospital located on the campus of a medical school in Broward County. In addition, the hospital will take advantage of the 19 different health care specialties available on the HPD Campus. Further information will be forthcoming.

## HPDSGA News

The Health Professions Division Student Government is considering a proposal to distribute excess funds from last year's budget to the various programs within

the HPD for the purpose of sending students to professional conventions or mission trips. While funding for the SGA is done on a percentage basis based on the number of students per program, if passed, this proposal would give each program the same amount of money for this one special disbursement. Student representatives from each program have details on this proposal and are available to discuss it. A final vote will be taken at the April 11 SGA Meeting.

If you would like to add an event to the HPD Happenings column, please contact Karen Warmuth at [warmuthk@nsu.nova.edu](mailto:warmuthk@nsu.nova.edu).

## Library Happenings

**By Africa Barfield**

*Director of Marketing and Community Relations*

Kite Display Coming to Alvin Sherman Library

In celebration of National Library Week the Alvin Sherman Library will host a kite display by local artist Aaron Vargas. Vargas, a graphic design graduate of the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, was recently given awards for his original kite designs in the categories of "Most Aerodynamic" and "People's Choice" during the 37th Annual Smithsonian Kite Festival. The kite exhibition will be on display April 6-18. For additional information please call the Public Library Services Department at 954 262-5477.



Aaron Vargas. Photo courtesy Art Institute of Florida



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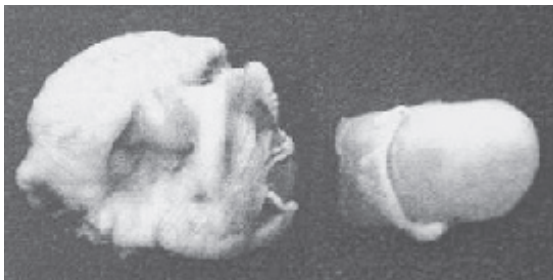


# Bizarre News

Wendy’s, known for their delicious bargains, added a new item to the menu; severed finger chili. A California woman partaking in the restaurant’s fine delicacies took a spoonful of chili along with the finger, began chewing and then spit it out. Reuters reports that upon discovering the finger, the woman became disgusted and vomited. The search is now on for the owner of the finger.

A young Australian boy enjoying a game of basketball had both of his hands and left foot severed when the brick wall supporting the hoop collapsed on him. A Reuters article stated that the sharp edges of the bricks and a metal rain gutter were responsible for the cuts. Doctors were able to reattach the appendages and are expecting the boy to recover from his injuries.

In an attempt to make customers fatter, Burger King has unveiled the new Enormous Omelet breakfast sandwich. With more calories than a Whopper, coming in at



Finger chili. Photo courtesy Associated Press

730 calories and 47 grams of fat, the sandwich includes one sausage patty, two eggs, two American cheese slices and three strips of bacon. This comes on the heels of a Hungry Man frozen breakfast, which among its unhealthy contents, features 231 percent of daily cholesterol and 104 percent saturated fat.

A young boy eager to play with his friends used his father’s truck to travel to the local day care center, but drove into a ditch instead. Concerned motorists called police when they could not see anyone driving the vehicle. The Associated Press confirmed that the seven-year-old Alabama boy was later rescued by police.

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

# News From Around the World: Earthquake in Indonesia

By Nimita Lakhani  
Managing Editor

As if the December 26 Tsunami victims did not suffer enough, another earthquake struck off the west coast of Sumatra, Indonesia, on Monday, March 28, at approximately 11 p.m. According to the U.S Geological Survey, the quake lasted about 2 minutes and registered a magnitude of 8.7. Geologists say the quake was an aftershock of the Dec. 26 tsunami, which struck 110 miles to the south along the same fault line. Equal forces were at work in both quakes: the India plate to the west dove underneath the Burma plate to the east, pushing the island of Sumatra another 1 to 2 meters above

sea level. So far, there have been 1,000 bodies found and a prediction that the death toll will rise to 2,000 people. The quake caused buildings and bridges to collapse and damage to the airport runway. According to the Sun-Sentinel, emergency aid has been arriving, but rescue efforts have been slow due to the many survivors leaving their homes in fear of another earthquake. Those who are interested in helping victims of this earthquake, as well as the earthquake of Dec. 26, can make donations at any of the following websites: [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org), [directrelief.org](http://directrelief.org), [usaid.gov](http://usaid.gov)

# Young Gunman’s Accomplice Arrested for School Shooting

By Paul Saneaux  
Staff Writer

On March 23, 16-year-old gunman Jeff Weise entered Red Lake Senior High School after murdering his grandfather and his grandfather’s girlfriend, and killed seven others. Survivors and witnesses to the shooting recalled its likeness to that of the 1999 Columbine High school shooting: Weise asked several of the victims if they believed in God before firing his weapon. Weise, like those involved in the Columbine incident, was known to admire Hitler, received harassment for wearing black, and turned a gun on himself. However, Weise had an accomplice that did not participate in their plot for murder.

Louis Jourdain, a fellow classmate of the same age, was arrested nearly a week later for conspiracy to commit murder. Federal authorities told the Associated Press that Jourdain planned the shooting with Weise; the two teenagers even walked “through the building to discuss details of the assault.” According to the New York Times, the FBI was tipped off by e-mails that Weise and Jourdain exchanged days prior to the incident. Officials had also monitored the neo-Nazi website Weise was known to post comments on, but did not react earlier. They believed a motive was not clearly established by the postings and that the shooting was purely random.



Floyd Jourdain, the Red Lake Tribal Chairman and father of Weise’s accomplice, speaks with community and press concerning the school shooting. Photo courtesy of CNN

In addition, two ninth graders told the FBI that Jourdain identified Weise as the suspect “before anyone in the library saw the gunman.” With this action, Jourdain labeled himself as an accomplice: no other student had prior knowledge of the planned assault.

Controversy behind Jourdain’s arrest undoubtedly arose; the young man’s father is the Red Lake Tribal Chairman, Floyd Jourdain. The arrest was unforeseen not only because Jourdain’s father is a high-ranking official of the tribe, but because authorities had initially thought the rampage was the effort of a sole gunman. Nevertheless, Louis Jourdain was handcuffed and escorted to the federal courtroom in Duluth, Minnesota. Floyd Jourdain made a statement to the Associated Press that he believed his son is “incapable of committing such an act” and that he will be undoubtedly “cleared of these charges.” The issue of pressing charges is under question, as Louis Jourdain is a minor.

The situation is a shock to the Red Lake Tribe community: the tribe has had persistent problems with drugs, alcohol, and poverty in the past and the school shooting has only made problems worse.



Mourners gather outside of the state capital building in St. Paul. Photo courtesy of the Associated Press.



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**Front row** (left to right): Mirna E. Gonzalez, Lisa Waid-Mckenna, Lisa Louth, and Holly Carbone.  
**Back row** (left to right): Dr. Douglas Flemons, Jennifer Spong, Dr. Roxanne Bamond, Dr. Leonard Gralnik, Jessica Parker, and JR Kerns. Photo by Judith Francois

## Student Counseling is Here For You

By **Judith Francois**  
Staff Writer

There is no question that being a college student can get stressful and overwhelming at times. Thankfully, counselors who understand college life are readily available to all students at NSU. Under the direction of Dr. Douglas Flemons and Assistant Director Dr. Roxanne Bamond, the Student Counseling Office, located in Parker 150, is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and until 5 p.m. for the rest of the week.

Some may think that counseling is only for people with serious depression or self-esteem problems, but for those going through some difficult times at work, academically, or financially who just need someone to talk to, the Student Counseling Office is available for all student needs. "We try to be very receptive and accommodating to everybody's particular need," said Jennifer Spong, intern counselor. Students shouldn't be afraid to encourage friends who have been having a difficult time and would benefit from counseling to call Student

Counseling at (954) 262-7050 for an appointment. There is also a 24-hour crisis line at the same extension with a counselor who's always there waiting to speak to students in need. The student counseling office even works with athletes and coaches to help them enhance their performances.

Before last summer, Student Counseling was a practicum run by six doctoral psychology students. After realizing that students needed more than what was being offered, the University decided that it would put together a full time student counseling office with four full time counselors, two interns, and a therapist that is there four days a week. The counselors are free for students and/or their partners. Students having marital problems can also receive marriage counseling at the office. For non-students, referrals are available.

Each student is allowed ten sessions per year at no cost, but there is a fee to see the full

time psychiatrist. However, those visits do not count towards those ten. During the ten sessions, a counselor will work with the student to help you resolve your problem fast. Assistant Director of Student Counseling, Dr. Roxanne Bamond, says that "the research shows that if you say 'we only have ten sessions to give you,' most times people will use all ten sessions. But if they say the therapy is unlimited, they usually come about six or seven times" because "...people look to resolve their problems rather quickly."

More sessions can be available for those who need it, but those requiring long-term therapy will receive references to another facility on or off campus, such as the Maltz Center or the Brief Therapy Institute. Counseling sessions are also available during the summer, even if the student is not taking classes. For those still in therapy when it's time to graduate, there will be a short transition period before being referred to another institute.

The Student Counseling office also provides group therapy, which is also free and does not count as part of the ten sessions available per student per year. There are currently two group sessions, a group for women who have experienced the



Dr. Douglas, Lisa W., demonstrating what might happen in a counseling session with a patient. Photo by Judith Francois

*Let's Talk About Sex, Baby...*



**Caroline Cullen**  
Knightlife Editor

## Coyote Ugly

Have you ever wondered what the phrase *coyote ugly* means? This name has been the title of movies, the name of bars, and splattered on various types of apparel. The expression refers to when someone wakes up from a drunken one-night stand, and finds that the person they slept with is ugly. Ugly enough that one would have to gnaw off his/her arm off to escape...ouch! This practice has been drawn from the animal kingdom; many animals (including coyotes) use this technique to free themselves from leg held traps by chewing off their trapped legs, only to die later from shock and blood loss or as the crippled victim of a hungry predator.

Although most of us would rather not admit to being in such a position, we all know at least one person who has. A night out with the boys/girls in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, or chilling in South Beach; having more than couple Long Island Ice Teas and Irish Car Bomb shots, scooping up a hottie (that's what you think) and finding a cozy spot to get to know each other. There are many problems with these types of predicaments:



**Drinking Couple:**  
They think they have nothing too lose...  
Photo courtesy <http://www.bobjude.co.uk/>

- 1) Any person who puts himself or herself in a vulnerable position with a stranger is opening him/herself to a dangerous situation.
- 2) Drinking can cause bad judgment all around: hooking up when you normally wouldn't, hooking up with a person that you wouldn't if you were sober, and going further than you planned to go.
- 3) Protecting yourself in the heat of the moment is challenging enough with out adding alcohol or drugs to the mix. You can get swept away in a sea of sweat and alcohol.
- 4) Waking up feeling guilty and ashamed feels like crap!

What can you do to avoid getting yourself in these compromising situations? One great piece of advice is to have a "wing man/woman" by your side; it can be a great help when you have your "beer goggles" on. A wingman, if you don't know, is a friend that watches your back when you're out drinking. This friend can make judgments in your best interest when you are intoxicated and incapacitated (such as going home with a stranger or getting behind the wheel). A wingman can be a great help, but the responsibility is ultimately yours. Watch your own back and pace yourself, don't drink on an empty stomach and have a few glasses of water in between your alcoholic beverages. Make sure that you know what you're drinking and don't leave your drinks unattended. Most importantly, surround yourself with people that you are comfortable with and who have your best interest at heart. Just as the coyotes in the trap can end up crippled and vulnerable, so can you, so check yourself before you wreck yourself!



**Left:** Photo courtesy WildlifeProtection.net



**Right:** ...Until they awake in the morning to find out who they've been entertaining. Photo courtesy <http://gallery.euroweb.hu/>

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*Some may think that counseling is only for people with serious depression or self-esteem problems, but...[it] is available for all student needs.*

trauma of a sexual assault, and a support group for those who have lost a loved one.

One thing that is very important to everyone is confidentiality. The counselors want everyone to know that it is against the law for them to share anything that they may be told; the only time that a counselor must speak out is when they believe that patients are in danger of hurting themselves or others, then and only then will they inform the appropriate authorities.

In addition to one-on-one therapy, and group sessions, student counseling also sponsors and organizes many outreach programs

for the University community, such as Take Back the Night, which was an event to raise awareness about sexual assault. They will also be helping to organize the National Alcohol Screening Day being held on April 7. The office wants to raise alcohol awareness and address the problems that it is causing all over campus. In the future, the student counseling office is planning on having a suicide prevention program to help students, staff, and faculty in case they are ever associated with the threat of suicide.

Additional information can be found on their website at <http://www.nova.edu/studentcounseling>.

**Important Facts to remember:**

- 1 Ex. 7050, if you are in crisis and you need to talk to someone right away this extension is a 24-hour hotline that you can call at anytime.
- 2 Confidentiality comes first; again, it is against the law for any counselor to disclose information that you may tell them during a session, unless they have reasons to believe that you will hurt yourself or someone else.
- 3 Their location is the Parker building, room 150, first floor. However, there is a second private entrance.
- 4 At [www.nova.edu/studentcounseling](http://www.nova.edu/studentcounseling) you will find helpful information, including important phone numbers.
- 5 Students only, all NSU students are entitled to up ten sessions a year, without counting the group therapy sessions or if you see the full time psychiatrist.
- 6 You can trust them, the student counseling office is a very respectful place, and every student is welcomed.
- 7 Just go Taking the first step is always hard but it is very brave and it could change your life for good.
- 8 Free Condoms for everyone just go to their office and grab them.

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*Student Voice and MasterCard further expand their political platforms during 2005 Presidential Debate*

for clubs, organizations and the Greek Community, encouraging greater participation from the student body at athletic events and striving for better parking during the continued the expansion of this university. With honesty and loyalty to the student body, with confidence and pride, with creativity and positivity, with dedication and excellence, with “Maturity, Action, and Achievement”, MasterCard plans to carry out their mission.

One of the most important projects that MasterCard will be working on for the upcoming year is to try to get a student representative on the Board of Trustees. This ticket plans to create a presentation to encourage the Board to allow the president of NSU’s Student Government Association to have a voice. Having a voice on the board would be beneficial to students and the Board alike because it would allow the free flow of information about the changes in the university and the desires of the students for change in the future.

“Money Can’t Buy Everything. For Everything Else There’s MasterCard”. Go out and vote MASTERCARD: A CLEAN SWIPE and start the year off right!!!

SGA Presidential Debates. The two tickets running for the SGA executive board, MasterCard and the Student Voice, entertained questions from the moderator and the audience in hopes of furthering their political influence.

MasterCard was represented by Mary Nochimson, presidential candidate, and Arman Sarkisian, vice president of legislative affairs. Their third running mate, Amanda Meier, was not present but is running on their ticket for the position of vice president of judicial affairs.

The Student Voice was represented by presidential candidate Jason Peebles, vice president of legislative affairs candidate Liz Harbaugh and Davia McDonald, candidate for vice president of judicial affairs.

During a debate moderated by Terry Morrow, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, the candidates answered questions about their platforms (which have been reprinted in this paper) as well as initiatives to complete their ideas. Some questions were directed at the nature of the E-board candidates and others were about specific programs or ideas such as achieving diversity.

After basic introductions of each party, the candidates began to tackle the issues at hand. The Student Voice’s candidate for vice president of legislative affairs, Liz Harbaugh began the debate responding to a question about how the party would make future changes to NSU. Harbaugh began by referring to past actions by members of the Student Voice ticket

citing, among their achievements, the addition of 2 new senators for the IOC. Future changes proposed by the Student Voice include improving athlete-to-non-athlete relations on campus through ‘meet the team’ dinners each term. The Student Voice also hopes to better support the clubs and organization through more efficient use of the SGA’s budget.

Mary Nochimson of MasterCard also responded to the question of proposed changes to the NSU community. Nochimson directed her attention to the method by which clubs and organizations receive their money. MasterCard proposed that after allocating funds to specific organizations, these funds go on individual debit cards that can be readily used by student leaders to serve their organizations. Nochimson’s ticket also proposed a program called ‘Athletes in Motion’ to promote attendance and school spirit at away games. To achieve this goal the SGA would purchase noise makers and other toys for individuals to use during games.

When questioned by Morrow, the moderator, about what makes each ticket’s executive board unique, each ticket responded with a different list of adjectives. MasterCard referred to themselves as hardworking, dedicated, creative and people with great pride in NSU and the NSU community. The Student Voice on the other hand, represented by VPJ candidate Davia McDonald, said that their ticket has immense leadership and

diversity, representing the whole NSU community through their participation and leadership activities on and around the campus.

After a few more questions, the candidates delivered closing statements. Arman Sarkisian represented MasterCard and likened his ticket to the nature of the company, defining it as diverse and effective. He went on to describe how their party represents not only the Greeks, but also the minority students, commuters and members of various clubs and organizations.

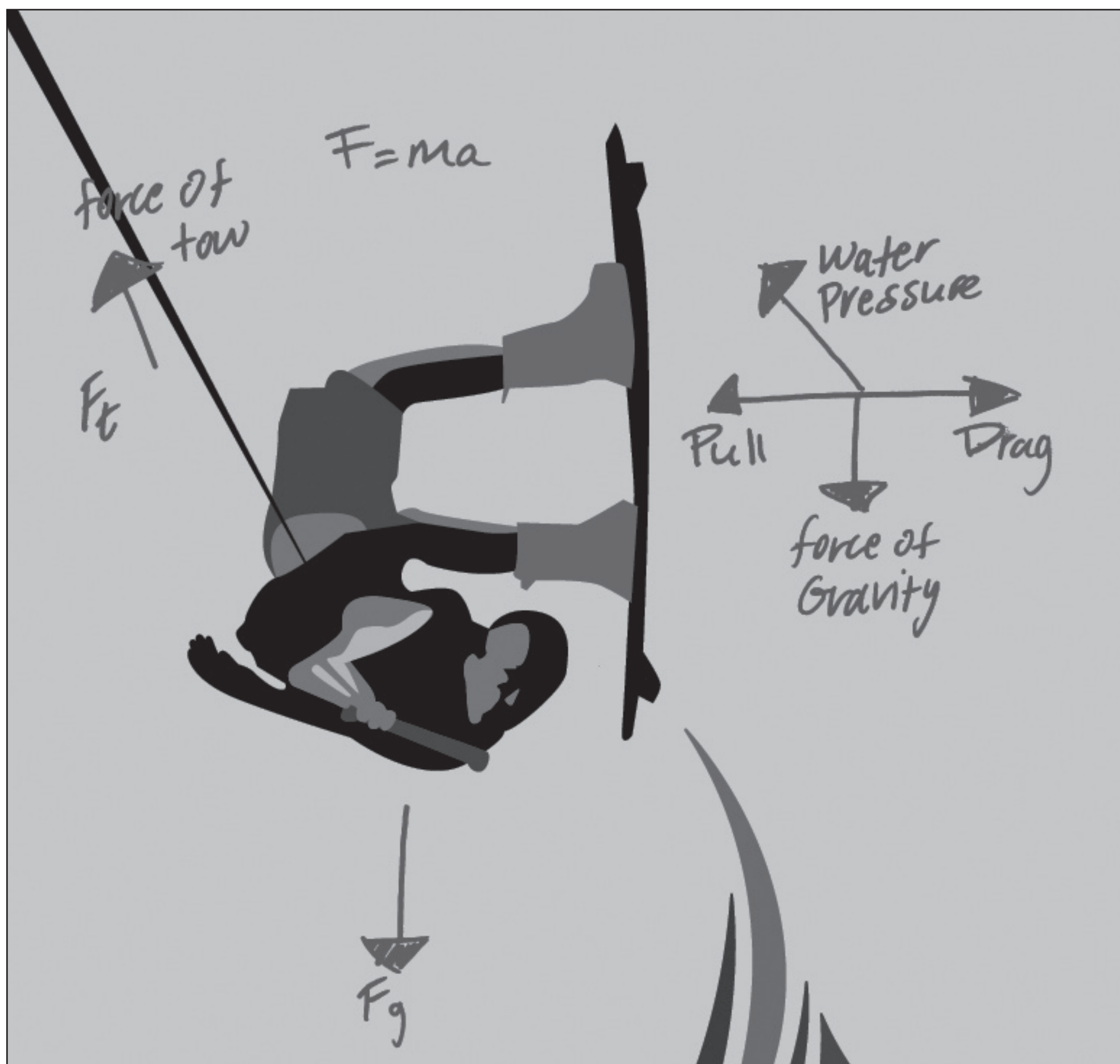
On behalf of The Student Voice, Jason Peebles gave the closing statement in which he paid attention to the past, present and future accomplishments and goals of the members of his party. He stated that in representation of their pasts, the candidates for student voice have been involved on the NSU campus as orientation leaders, senators and resident advisors. In the present, six of the twelve orientation leaders for next summer are members of the Student Voice ticket. They bring, for the future, a diverse group willing to listen to every student voice.

Elections will be held next week. Voting will take place beginning on Tuesday, April 5 and run until Thursday, April 7. On Tuesday and Thursday voting booths will be open at the Parker Building from 12-2 p.m. and again from 5-6 p.m. On Wednesday voting booths will be open in the Goodwin Residence Hall from 12-2 p.m. and again from 5-6 p.m. Turn out and make your vote count.

**HOT TOPIC: SGA Presidential Debates**

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## Acclaimed Musician Performs at NSU

### Resident Orchestra hosts Chopin competition winner

By Greg Kyiakakis  
Staff Writer

On April 2, Mei-Ting Sun, the winner of the Seventh National Chopin Competition, performed at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Center in his first solo concert since his victory. The NSU resident orchestra, the Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra, hosted the acclaimed musician.

After a nine day national competition held at Miami's Gusman Hall, Sun was declared the winner of the Chopin Competition on March 13. The 24-year-old Sun, a native of Shanghai, China, won a \$20,000 cash prize and the chance to perform concerts throughout the United States, including a debut concert at New York's Carnegie Hall. The competition

was sponsored by the Chopin Foundation of the United States. Sun will then compete in the International Chopin Competition in Warsaw, Poland, where he will represent the United States.

Sun moved to New York at age nine and attended the Professional Children's School and the Mannes College of Music. In 1996, Sun was named one of the Musicians of the Year by the Village Voice. He has traveled the globe, performing in the U.S., Japan, China, France, Spain and Italy. For more information about this acclaimed artist and his



Mei-Ting Sun, award-winning pianist entertained classical music fans at the Miniaci Theatre.

upcoming performances, visit <http://www.meiting.com> or <http://www.arsflores.com>.

## Entertainers in the News: Steve Carell

By Greg Kyiakakis  
Staff Writer

Steve Carell, long-time correspondent on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, has reported on 'tough' issues. He has also played a dimwitted member of a sexist news team in last year's hit *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*, and although mostly known for supporting roles, the subtle humor of Carell has placed him on-par with his superstar costars such as Will Ferrell. Now, Carell has a chance to shine as the leading man on the new NBC mockumentary, *The Office*.

A hit with British audiences, *The Office* originally began in Britain in 2001 and found a strong following upon airing in the US on BBC America. When a localized version of the show was announced, fans expressed concerns that the humor would be recycled, disgracing the original. While

those concerns may have been valid, Carell's involvement with the show is a good indicator of a quality show.

Carell will take on the role of head honcho on *The Office*. His character is multifaceted; he believes he is witty, clever, and popular, but none of this is true. For instance, a scene from the new series has Carell jokingly telling an employee that she is fired for stealing, bringing her to tears. Carell thinks his gag will impress a new employee, and acts proud of his comedic achievement while his employee looks on in dismay. Carell is one of the few actors who can take a mean spirited boss and turn him into a sympathetic and hilarious character.

*The Office* airs Tuesday nights at 9:30 p.m. Carell, whose career is on the rise, can



Steve Carell, in character on the set of John Stewart's *Daily Show*, will be headlining in *The Office*, a sitcom set to come out later this year. Photo courtesy Entertainment Weekly

also be seen in the upcoming films *Bewitched* and *Get Smart*, both scheduled for release later this year.

## Facing Menopause with Humor

By Lawanda Maxwell  
Contributing Writer

In being human, we go through rebellious teenage years and wild college years before we stabilize in adulthood. Hardly ever do any of us anticipate transitioning to late adulthood, but "Menopause the Musical" is an excellent display of what true life can be when accepts aging rather than rejects it.

Menopause, the musical is about four ladies in their fifties who meet in a Bloomingdales lingerie section while fighting over a lacy black bra. The diverse stereotypical personalities of the women that include Earth mother, Soap opera star, Power executive, and a small town housewife have one thing in common: the beginning of their golden years and menopause.

This musical was very empowering for those who went to see it. It caused many women to walk in as strangers, but leave in what can only be described as a sisterhood. The show began to run in 2002, and it is still going strong in 2005, which is practically three years of success. From the time the show started to the drop of the final curtain (after many went on stage to dance with the actresses), the audience howled and cried with laughter.

The musical numbers were all unique to the Big M. Of course, most of the music was identifiable by the Baby Boomer generation, which happens to make up most of the aging number in our population now. For example, the lyrics to Stayin' Alive were changed to...

"Well, you can tell by the way I slump my walk

I'm a tired girl; no strength to talk  
In the mirror, my eyes so red  
I've been up all night, Sittin' in my bed.  
Now it's not all right, not OK,  
And you can look the other way  
My husband tries to understand,  
It's just no concept for a man."

USAToday.com states that according to the National Institute on Aging, "Almost 2 million women turn 50 each year." Marilyn Hughes Gaston, former assistant surgeon general, makes a joke about it and says, "in the next decade, the bulk of the baby boom will pass through the change of life. That's a lot of hot flashes... And you thought there was a problem of global warming." But in actuality, talking and laughing about a common problem helps to relieve much of the stress it causes. The jokes on hot flashes, mood swings, and weight gain kept the audience thoroughly entertained.

The play was certainly appropriate for the audience, but many from the younger generation would likely see the play as cheesy. All the actresses did an excellent job; each of these women were in their 50's, plus sized, and executing their characters in key. Even Curtainup.com says they had to, "give credit where it's due: ... The performers are talented". Apollo Chicago Theater calls it, "the hilarious celebration of Women & The Change". They call it a "joyful musical parody", and states, "*Menopause the Musical* has become, in its short history, a production phenomenon."

Many who went to see it enjoyed the musical, and it was appropriate for its audience: the baby boomers, which are taking the nation by storm. Not to mention that in celebrating their body's changes, younger generations have ample opportunity to become informed about what happens during menopause, unlike many of the females from past generations. With the help of *Menopause the Musical*, many know that aging is as inevitable as death, but it's not a death sentence.



# Michael Jackson Trial Updates: Defense Case on Shaky Ground after Judge’s Ruling

By Alaina Siminovsky  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Michael Jackson’s case was sturdy: his lawyers raised doubt in various situations as to the credibility of witnesses for the prosecution. Now, however, Judge Melville has allowed the specifics of five other molestation accusations to be heard in court. Jackson has been accused of molestation by five boys, none of which brought criminal charges and one of which settled out of court. The only boy to testify before the court will be the one who received \$2 million dollars, which, he will say, was to keep quiet. Other witnesses will also testify, describing the nature of Jackson’s alleged molestation, but none of the bother boys will be allowed to testify.

The prosecutors say that these allegations prove that Jackson had a history and pattern of the



No, that’s not a bird’s eye view of the Broward Country Fair, its Neverland Ranch!

alleged behavior. This information can work either for or against the prosecutor, because some of the boys have recanted allegations against Jackson. However, the lead prosecutor Mr. Sneddon says that other witnesses will testify that they saw Jackson misbehaving with the boys.

Lead defense attorney Mesereau says that he and his co-counsel will have a “field day” discrediting the witnesses.



Worldwide support still comes in for the King of Pop.



## American Idol Recap: Goodbye Jessica

By Alaina Siminovsky  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

After last week’s voting fiasco, American Idol’s resident young star Mikalah was voted off. Fans are split about this: some are sad to see the young girl go - she brought a little something comical to the set - while others are happy she was voted off, citing her flamboyant personality as annoying. Regardless, the show must go on and the final ten contestants have to get down to business. The next few weeks will be key, as elimination after elimination will bring each closer to the final two.

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**What artist do you think you're most like?**  
None. I am my own person. I do think there are great artists out there who are great role models, have good morals and are very successful like Beyonce Knowles, Jessica Simpson, and Alicia Keys.

**What is in your personal CD player right now and what new artist do you recommend and why?**  
John Legend is in my CD player right now and is definitely a new artist that I would recommend. His music is original, soulful and just great music to listen to. It just has a feel good vibe to it.

**Why did you become a DJ? What's the best part of your job?**  
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great experience and a fun job. What I like most about my job is the staff I work with. They are all great, fun and easy to work with. As well as I get the opportunity to meet new people. **Did I mention FREE CONCERTS!!**

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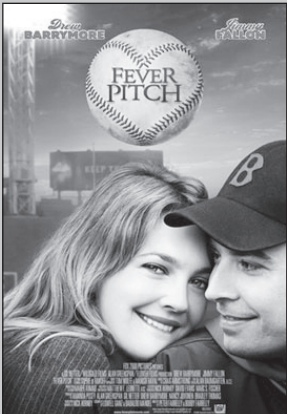
This Week

in Arts and Entertainment

Movie Openings:

April 8

**Fever Pitch** opens to audiences nationwide on April 8. This Comedy/Romance is not rated and stars Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon, Lenny Clarke, Jack Kehler, and James B. Sikking. **Synopsis:** A contemporary romantic comedy about a high school teacher who meets and falls in love with a successful businesswoman. Although their lives are vastly different, the relationship seems perfect until the baseball season begins and she has to compete with his first true love: the Boston Red Sox.



April 8

**Sahara** opens to audiences nationwide on April 8. This Action/Adventure is rated PG-13 and stars Matthew McConaughey, Penelope Cruz, Steve Zahn, William Macy, and Delroy Lindo. **Synopsis:** Master explorer Dirk Pitt (Matthew McConaughey) takes on the adventure of his life when he embarks on a treasure hunt through some of the most dangerous regions of North America. Searching for what locals call “The Ship of Death,” a long lost Civil War battle ship filled with coins, Pitt and his wisecracking sidekick (Steve Zahn) use their wits and clever heroics to help Doctor Eva Rojas (Penelope Cruz) who believes the ship may be linked to mysterious deaths in the very same area.



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April 5

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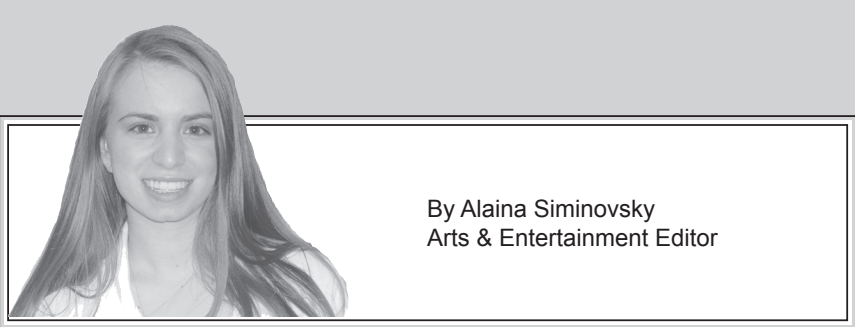


April 9

Ashlee Simpson 7 p.m.  
Pompano Beach Amphitheatre  
1806 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060



Compiled by Alaina Siminovsky



By Alaina Siminovsky  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Don't be a Thief: If Credit isn't due, Don't Take it

There are a lot of things that can be said about the need or drive to succeed in this society. Often we think that its good to attempt to be the best, but it also has a cost. People who take credit where credit is not due simply demonstrate a personality flaw within themselves. Getting credit for ideas and work helps people move ahead in life, so when you take credit for something someone else has done, you're really just taking upward mobility away from them. It's basically stealing.

This often happens in the college environment when people are working together on behalf of a club or simply in a group for a common goal. When one person doesn't pull their weight, others must compensate. Sometimes when that wayward person finally comes back to work, they simply attempt to pass someone else's work off as their own. They didn't do the work and have no problem stealing the credit.

When people do work in a team often what is done from below reflects highly on the top official- that's fine. Everyone does their work and then the group functions like a well oiled machine, but when that chief officer doesn't do what they must and the others are left to scramble, they might feel exploited and then build dissent. Taking credit for what others have done may make you look good, but it shows the people around you that you're a thief and then they lose all faith in you. Is the cost worth the benefit? Probably not.

Work breeds a sense of accomplishment, so robbing someone of the right to claim their idea is taking more from them then just the reputation of a job well done. For example, person A may have put together a great presentation but person B takes all of the credit. Person A is left without the advantage that her/his work should have gotten and thus robbed of a sense of accomplishment. Person B is entirely discredited to person A. Person B has proved that they don't come through on their word, namely to do a job. They have also proved that they are a thief. So basically person B is an unreliable crook who will use and exploit you- how do you maintain friendship, respect or a working relationship with that person? You probably don't. They, because of a cutthroat wish to get ahead, don't care who they step on and because their footwork is indiscriminant, they end up alienating themselves from those who were formerly their advocates and also end up ultimately loosing more than they gain.

So, for your own good as well as other's, don't be a thief: if credit's not due, don't take it.

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Women's golf team.

## NSU Women's Golf Team Wins 2005 NSU/Unicco Spring Invitational

The Knights Women's Team Post School Record 299 in the Final Round to Win First Event of the Season. The Men's Team Finishes Third

By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

On March 28 and 29 the men's and women's golf teams hosted the 2005 NSU/Unicco Spring Invitational at Woodmont Country Club in Tamarac, FL. The No. 10 Nova Southeastern University women's golf team won the 2005 NSU/Unicco Spring Invitational, garnering the first win of the season and the third in program history. The golf course was a par 72 with a yardage for the women of 5,891.

The first day, Lynn University took a nine-stroke lead, shooting 309, and NSU shot 318. The second, day The Knights erased a nine-stroke deficit and took away the win, shooting 299 - another school record. NSU shot 318-299=617. No. 9 Lynn came in second place, shooting 309-310=619. Barry University came in third, shooting 314-316=630. Finishing in fourth place was the University of West Florida at 319-323=642.

Lynn's Natasha Morgan won the individual title, shooting 71-77=148; behind her by one stroke was Barry University's Remi Jin Camping, shooting 79-70=149.

The second day for the women's team was very strong; four out of the five players



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shot in the 70s. Four of the women finished in the top ten. Freshman Jenni Mostrom led the way with her career-best third-place finish, shooting 77-74=151. Lina Bjorklund also had a career high finish of fourth place, shooting 78-75=153. Sophie Friis tied for seventh, shooting 81-75=156. Senior Amanda Brown finished in ninth place, shooting 82-75=157.

On the men's side, The Johnson & Wales University men's golf team won the 2005 NSU/Unicco Spring Invitational with team totals of 295-296-292=883. Woodmont was a par 72 course with a yardage of 7,043 yards. The Wildcats won the event by six strokes

over Armstrong Atlantic State University (296-300-293=889), and nine strokes over third-place Nova Southeastern University (301-298-293=892).

J&W's James Renner won the medalist title, as he was the only player under par for the event with a 3-under 213 (71-73-69). Stephen Conrad had a solid top-five finish, finishing fourth place (73-72-73).

NSU's Brian Macho had a second round low-tying 69; he finished tied for eighth (75-78-69=222). Martin Styf got tenth place (77-71-75=223). Josh Green tied for twentieth (76-77-76=229). Mike Wangsness also tied for twentieth, shooting (76-79-74).



By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

## Take Me Out to The Ball Game



The baseball season is creeping up on us, as it starts on April

3. There are some things that I want you to know about the teams before the season starts.

What about the Red Sox and Yankees? I think it will be the same story as last year between these two teams, because they will probably battle it out again in the World Series. Everyone knows that Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe are gone from the Red Sox, but the team is still very strong with Curt Schilling, and the lineup should be key.

As for the Yankees, they have the most expensive roster in the league and plenty of All-Stars on their team. I still wonder about Jason Giambi and his off-season; I guess we'll see how he does.

This year, the Orioles have right fielder and great batter Sammy Sosa. They were third in the A.L. in batting, and this addition to the team could help them out a lot.

What about the Blue Jays? Last year, they had a terrible season, and this year their defense will probably be their main focus. Second baseman Orlando Hudson and center fielder Vernon Wells are Gold-Glove caliber players, and this should really help the team.

The Devil Rays still have a young team this year, and it could either help or hinder them. But they do have a great bullpen with Danys Baez, Jesus Colome, and Lance Carter. Their power hitter is right fielder Aubrey Huff, and he will be another key to this team.

Another thing I've been worried about is Barry Bonds. With his knee surgery, he could be out until midseason, or the entire year. The Giants without Bonds will have a hard time in the NL West, in my opinion. There are lots of rumors, but let's hope that Bonds gets back as soon as possible.

Here's what sports writer Dayn Perry thinks about the NL East: "The NL East is a balanced division, but one without a genuinely great team. The Braves may have trouble scoring runs. The Mets are a bad team plus two superstars, and the Marlins filled a gaping hole with Carlos Delgado but still have substantial flaws." I think the Phillies have a chance because they are going to be a solid team this year.

This baseball season looks like it will be lots of fun to watch, so sit back and enjoy!



# Men’s and Women’s Sports Stats

## Women’s Golf

Unicco Spring Inv. @ Nova SE

Woodmont CC                      Tamarac, FL

Tournament Dates: 03/28 - 03/29

Par:        72   72                      Daily Low Round  
Yardage: 5891 5891                  Daily Leader    Both

1 Nova Southeastern U.	318	299	617	+41
2 Lynn University	309	310	619	+43
3 Barry University	314	316	630	+54
4 West Florida, U of	319	323	642	+66
5 Florida Inst of Tech	342	337	679	+103
6 Northwood U. - FL	345	341	686	+110
7 St. Leo University	463	469	932	+356

## Men’s Golf

Unicco Spring Inv. @ Nova SE

Woodmont CC                      Tamarac, FL

Tournament Dates: 03/28 - 03/29

Par:        72   72   72                      Daily Low Round  
Yardage: 7043 7043 7043                  Daily Leader    Both

1 Johnson & Wales U-FL	295	296	292	883	+19
2 Armstrong Atlantic	296	300	293	889	+25
3 Nova Southeastern U.	301	298	293	892	+28
4 Eckerd College	301	298	294	893	+29
5 Tampa, U. of	303	302	309	914	+50
6 St. Leo University	304	316	296	916	+52
7 St. Thomas Univ. -FL	317	315	309	941	+77

## Baseball (22-9, 6-3 SSC)

The Knights are led by 2B Sean McFadden (Jr., Hollywood, Fla.) who is batting .375 (42-for-112) with 26 RBI and nine doubles. Junior Jarrod Lauth (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) is second on the team with 24 RBI and has a team-high four homeruns. NSU has won 10 out of 11, and picked up its first ranking of the season last week. The Knights had their three-game SSC series against Saint Leo postponed this weekend due to rain.

SSC STANDINGS							
	SSC				OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT		W	L	T    PCT
Tampa	8	1	.889		27	6	0   .818
Nova Southeastern	6	3	.667		22	9	0   .710
Rollins	5	4	.556		22	9	0   .710
Lynn	5	4	.556		21	13	0   .618
Florida Tech	5	4	.556		21	14	0   .600
Florida Southern	3	3	.500		26	4	0   .867
Barry	3	6	.333		20	13	0   .606
Eckerd	1	8	.111		10	22	0   .313
Saint Leo	0	3	.000		16	13	0   .552

## Softball (17-18, 4-5 SSC)

Senior Janette Rodriguez (Miami, Fla.) leads the team with a .374 BA (37-for- 99), 28 RBI and 14 extra base hits as well as a .596 slugging percentage. Senior Diana Goolsby (Ocala, Fla.) leads the team with 38 hits, 25 runs scored and 12 stolen bases. Sophomore pitcher Shannon Lynch (Marietta, Ga.) is 7-8 with a 1.30 ERA and has registered 58 strikeouts in 97.0 innings of work.

	SSC STANDINGS				OVERALL		
	SSC				OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT		W	L	T    PCT
Saint Leo	7	2	.778		22	7	0   .759
Lynn	9	3	.750		32	5	0   .865
Barry	9	3	.750		24	12	0   .667
Florida Tech	8	4	.667		23	7	0   .767
Florida Southern	5	4	.556		23	7	0   .767
Nova Southeastern	4	5	.444		17	18	0   .486
Rollins	5	7	.417		22	9	0   .710
Tampa	4	11	.267		12	16	0   .429
Eckerd	0	12	.000		5	26	0   .161

## Women’s Tennis (7-9)

The Knights have won three out of the last four matches with freshman Tsippy Waterman (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) unbeaten in her last four singles matches. Waterman did not lose a game last week, as the Knights defeated Siena College 9-0. The freshman teamed with Stefanie Gribi (Fr., Kappel, Switzerland) to win 8-0 in doubles and then won her number one singles match 6-0, 6-0.

SSC STANDINGS					
	SSC			OVERALL	
	W	L		W	L
Lynn	5	0		14	3
Barry	7	1		14	2
Rollins	4	2		10	3
Florida Southern	2	2		11	3
Saint Leo	1	2		5	9
Nova Southeastern	1	3		8	9
Tampa	1	3		6	9
Eckerd	0	1		7	3
Florida Tech	0	7		1	8





Alisha VanHoose  
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

It's interesting how much people will open up and share when given the chance to do so anonymously.

Last November, a man in Maryland passed out 200 blank, self addressed postcards at an art show, inviting people to send him their deepest secrets. The rule was anything goes: as long as it's true and the person hasn't told anybody. After receiving about 150 back, the gentleman began posting them on a website, [www.postsecrets.com](http://www.postsecrets.com), and invited anyone else to send their secrets in on anything 4" x 6" that would go through the mail. Five months and hundreds of postcards later, Postsecrets is the third most popular blog on the internet and has gained international attention.

The postcard messages range from comical ("Jack in the boxes freak me out!"), to hopeful ("I believe I will accomplish something truly great in this lifetime. I will be 53 tomorrow"), to sad ("I do not know how to love") or seriously tragic ("I still haven't told my father that I have the same disease that killed my mother"), but the thing that ties them all together is the humanity that can be seen in each and every one. The words speak, but the art, handwriting, and other little pieces of soul that people have put into each card speak volumes more.

It's fascinating to see just a little of what goes on in someone else's mind, and sometimes when browsing through the dozens of postcards on the site, one runs across something that hits home. That's when it means the most.

Everyone has at least one secret, whether it be a hope for the future, a secret dream, an indiscretion, a childhood humiliation, or anything else. And everyone has probably been told at least once that if we keep things bottled up inside, we never accomplish the good or get over the bad. I think that not only does sharing these secrets help those who send them, but that those reading them are equally enriched. Late last night as I looked through the site for the first time, there were several cards which I stopped to gaze at for a very long while. Each of them touched me in a way that I wouldn't have expected, whether I had felt something similar or not.

It actually made me want to send in my own.

After reading through them all, I scrolled up to look again at the one and only postcard that had been defaced at the many art exhibits these cards have visited. The postcard said: "I like black girls. And I am white." The graffiti? "It's okay!"

Out of all of the poignant examples of human nature shown on the site, I think that that one is perhaps one of the most poignant of all.

If anyone has any comments, send them as always to [nsunews@nsu.nova.edu](mailto:nsunews@nsu.nova.edu).

Sincerely,

*Alisha VanHoose*

## You Bad, Bad Atheist You!

By Paul Saneaux  
Staff Writer

For several reasons, I have the feeling that admitting you are an atheist is the most repulsive and abhorrent thing to utter these days, under your breath or otherwise. The recent events occurring in this crazed society have given many people a reason or obligation to believe in something: the Minnesota school shooting, Terri Schiavo, the ongoing Iraqi conflict (I say "conflict" because the U.S. has not legally declared war since WWII), and others, for example. The something to believe in lately has forcibly been Catholicism. Don't get me wrong, I am atheist (hold those stoning arms at bay), but I feel that the term atheist has become more detestable than saying Liberal during the '60s.

Since the beginning of the reign of conservative (and religious) President Bush, the

country has experienced a mass dosage of religion. He has pushed his ideological convictions into many aspects of his administration and decisions. The side effect of this is that the American people have become increasingly religious - not in a personal manner because the U.S. has always been religious - but in enacting opinions. Newspapers that interview people regarding Schiavo or guns in schools showcase people with religious affiliations. Maybe atheists just don't participate, or maybe the public and the newspapers don't value the opinion of atheists. I'm leaning towards the latter. I have been accused of having no morals because I choose not to believe in God, and I have had people disregard my opinions because I'm not Catholic. That is the most ridiculous, absurd, and absolutely ignorant reason to overlook a person's opinion. It is also ridiculous to say that every religious person behaves this way, and that is not what I am claiming;

nevertheless it is unreasonable to believe an atheist has no morals. This is where my problem begins.

I will conclude my ramblings with a short anecdote. About a week ago, I went out to dinner with my girlfriend for our anniversary. When we were leaving the restaurant I glanced at the rear end of my car, where I happen to display a Darwin fish. Stuck behind its tail, there was a card. At first I thought it was one of those invitations to a drunken college party, but in fact, it was an invitation from an anonymous person to believe in Christ because he is "knocking on my door." He wants to save me, so the card claims. 'From what?' I wondered. I do not believe in a Heaven or Hell. Initially, I found the card humorous. But as I pondered, I realized that I was offended. I have no problems with religion or religious people... that is, until they begin to push their beliefs on me. Even if the person had good intentions, I don't put notes on cars with Jesus fishes telling people to abandon their convictions.

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# Week in Pictures

*A look at some of the most interesting things this week, captured all on film and located below for your viewing pleasure.*



Ice Cream! get your cold Ice Cream! Alpha Phi Omega holds a fundraising event, selling ice cream for a buck. Photo by Nicolle Garber.



Penny Wars: The greeks are raising money, pennies preferably. Photo by Nicolle Garber.



**Photos Counter-clockwise:** Mary, Mary, quite...What in tarnation. Bring it on Ladies!. They got some moves! Up and Coming Divas. Playa Playas. Millan Bhatt or Don Juan? Photos by Caroline Cullen.